

REMARKS

By the above amendments the specification has been amended on page 1 to include a reference to the related applications. Claims 1-23 are in the application.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with this application and Preliminary Amendment.

An early action on the merits is requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 183.39735AX4) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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